

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

TIMOTHY R. KNOX,
Petitioner,
vs.
GREGG SMITH, *et al.*,
Respondents.)
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3:11-cv-00584-RCJ-VPC
ORDER

Petitioner has submitted a *pro se* petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 and an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1). Based on the information regarding petitioner's financial status, the Court finds that the motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* should be granted.

The petition, however, was not submitted on the Court's approved form. The Local Rules of Court require petitioners appearing in *pro se* to file their petitions on the Court's approved form. Local Rules of Special Proceedings 3-1 ("a petition for a writ of *habeas corpus*, filed by a person who is not represented by an attorney, shall be on the form provided by this court."). The Court will provide plaintiff with the approved form for filing a *pro se* petition for a writ of *habeas corpus*.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that petitioner's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is **GRANTED**.

1 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk **SHALL SEND** petitioner the approved form
2 for filing a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, as well as the document
3 "Information and Instructions for Filing a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus Pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
4 § 2254." Further, the Clerk **SHALL SEND** petitioner a copy of the habeas petition (ECF No. 1-1)
5 filed in this case.

6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within **thirty (30)** days from the date of the entry of this
7 order, petitioner **SHALL FILE** an amended habeas corpus petition on the court-approved form.
8 Petitioner's failure to file an amended petition, on the approved form provided by this Court, may
9 result in dismissal of this action.

10 Dated this 5th day of October, 2011.

R. Jones
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE